

Application No. 10/601,053

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Abstract

Please substitute the following amended Abstract for the Abstract as currently pending (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

A guardrail terminal having a number of vertical supporting members fixed into the ground one after the other along the edge of the road[;]. The guardrail terminal, in certain embodiments, has a curved or straight first transverse horizontal retaining member fixed to the vertical supporting members at a given height off the ground, and curves in the horizontal plane so as to extend gradually away from the edge of the road. ~~as of the end of the guardrail;~~ and The guardrail terminal further may include a curled second transverse horizontal retaining member, which projects from the terminal end of the first transverse horizontal retaining member, curves back in the horizontal plane towards the first transverse horizontal retaining member, and is fixed by its own terminal end to the start end or to an intermediate portion of the first transverse horizontal retaining member, so as to form, together with the first transverse horizontal retaining member, a substantially tear-shaped collapsible annular member.